(c) whether Government are withholding the renewal of iron ore mining leases in Andhra Pradesh, and if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) During the last three years, on receipt of recommendations of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, the Central Government approved grant of fifteen mining leases for iron ore in that State;

(b) Iron ore exports during 1984-85 have been 25.32 million tonnes (provisional).

(c) No, Sir.

Seeting up of a ship-breaking Yard at Holdia

1914. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a ship-breaking yard at Haldia; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to set up a ship-breaking yard at Haldia by Government of India.

मत्स्य-पालन के लिए बैंकों द्वारा दिए गए ऋण अनुदान

1915. **श्री विश्व गोस्वामी** : क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विभिन्न बैंकों द्वारा मत्स्य पालन के लिये ऋण और अनुदान दिये जाते हैं; यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्रत्येक राज्य में प्रत्येक बैंक द्वारा ऐसी कितनी परियोजनाओं को स्वीकृति प्रदान की गयी ; और

(ख) उपर्युक्त अवधि के दौरान इस प्रयोजन के लिये ऋण और अनुदान के लिये अलग अलग कितनी धनराशि स्वीकृत की गयी है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : (क) और (ख) वर्तमान आंकड़ा सूचना पद्धति से प्रश्न में पूछे गये ढग से सूचना नही प्राप्त होती । मत्स्य पालन के लिये दिये जाने वाले अग्रिमों को प्राथमिकता प्राप्त क्षेत्र में शामिल किया गया है और राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक इस काम के लिये ऋण देते है, अनुदान नही ।

Buffer stock of raw jute

1916. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are contemplating to build up buffer stock of raw jute in view of bumper crop of raw jute; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) and (b). Although a good jute crop is expected during the current jute season 1985-86, it is as yet too early to make an accurate estimate of the crop. A decision on creation of a buffer stock can be taken only after an accurate estimate of the size of the jute crop becomes available.

Quality of steel material supplied by public sector steal plants

1917. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) what is the quantity of steel and the value thereof produced by the public sector steel plants which was condemned as scrap and what was the percentage of the condemned steel to the total production in a year during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of complaints regarding the poor quality of steel material and supplied by the public sector steel plants has increased; and

(c) if so, what is the number of complaints received in respect of each steel plant during the last three years, year-wise and the measures taken by Government to improve the quality of steel material produced by the public sector steel plants and also to minimise the percentage of bad quality steel?